REMARKS

Claim Amendments

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Claim 1 has been amended to correct the terminology appearing in claim 1. It is not believed that the foregoing amendments to the claim adds any "new matter" to the original disclosure.

Substitute Declaration

Applicant is submitting herewith a Substitute Declaration that claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of U.S. application serial number 10/408,311. As noted in the instant specification, this application is a continuation-in-part of the previous application.

Summary

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An early action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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